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REMARKS

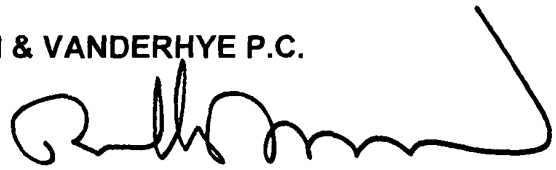
By way of the amendment instructions above, claims 17-22 and 25 have been cancelled to thereby reduce the issues on appeal. The cancellation of such claims, however, is being accomplished without prejudice to the applicant's rights under 35 USC §121.

A formal Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief are being filed concurrently herewith as a substantive response to the issues raised in the Official Action dated April 9, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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